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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An overcap for sealing an opening of a container and reducing an amount of moisture within the container, the overcap comprising:

- a top portion having an outside surface and having an inside surface opposite the outside surface, wherein the top portion is structured and arranged to cover the opening of the container such that the inside surface faces an interior of the container;
- a connecting portion extending from the top portion of the overcap, wherein the connecting portion is structured and arranged to create a sealed interface with the container; and
- the top portion including a top layer that defines the outside surface of the top portion, and a drying agent layer positioned below the top layer such that the drying agent layer is exposed to moisture within the interior of the container and is operable to absorb moisture from the interior of the container, and a moisture-permeable polymer layer, wherein the drying agent layer comprises a polymer material having a drying agent material dispersed therein and is positioned between the top layer and the moisture-permeable polymer layer such that moisture from the interior of the container must pass through the moisture-permeable polymer layer to reach the drying agent layer, wherein the drying agent layer and moisture-permeable polymer layer are coextruded.
- 2. (Currently Amended) An overcap according to claim 1, wherein the top portion and the connecting portion comprise polymer material and the drying agent layer includes a polymer material.
- 3. (Currently Amended) An overcap according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the overcap is formed from a coextruded sheet comprising the top layer, and the drying agent layer, and the moisture-permeable polymer layer.
 - 4. (Canceled)

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5. (Original) An overcap according to claim 2, wherein the overcap includes multiple drying agent layers.

6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Original) An overcap according to claim 1, further comprising a barrier layer, wherein the barrier layer is positioned between the top layer and the drying agent layer.
- 8. (Original) An overcap according to claim 1, wherein the drying agent layer is joined to the top layer of the top portion with an adhesive.
- 9. (Original) An overcap according to claim 1, wherein the top portion of the overcap defines a periphery and the connecting portion defines a skirt extending from the periphery of the top portion to a distal end.
- 10. (Original) An overcap according to claim 9, wherein the skirt encircles the drying agent layer.
- 11. (Original) An overcap according to claim 1, wherein the drying agent layer includes an oxygen scavenger.
 - 12. (Currently Amended) A resealable container, comprising:
 - a container body formed by a wall and defining an opening in the wall such that the container body defines an interior of the container, wherein a rim encircles the opening; and

an overcap comprising:

- a top portion having an outside surface and having an inside surface opposite the outside surface, wherein the top portion is structured and arranged to cover the opening of the container such that the inside surface faces an interior of the container;
- a connecting portion extending from the top portion of the overcap, wherein the connecting portion is structured and arranged to attach to the rim of the

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container and to create a sealed interface with the container; and
the top portion including a top layer that defines the outside surface of the top
portion, and a drying agent layer positioned below the top layer such that
the drying agent layer is exposed to moisture within the interior of the
container and is operable to absorb moisture from the interior of the
container, and a moisture-permeable polymer layer, wherein the drying
agent layer comprises a polymer material having a drying agent material
dispersed therein and is positioned between the top layer and the moisturepermeable polymer layer such that moisture from the interior of the
container must pass through the moisture-permeable polymer layer to
reach the drying agent layer, wherein the drying agent layer and moisturepermeable polymer layer are coextruded.

- 13. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 12, wherein the container body is a paperboard tube.
- 14. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 13, wherein the rim of the container is a rolled bead.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A resealable container according to claim 12, wherein the top portion and the connecting portion comprise polymer material and the drying agent layer includes a polymer material.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A resealable container according to claim 15, wherein the overcap is formed from a coextruded sheet comprising the top layer, and the drying agent layer, and the moisture-permeable polymer layer.
- 17. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 15, wherein the overcap includes multiple drying agent layers.
 - 18. (Canceled)

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19. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 12, further comprising a barrier layer, wherein the barrier layer is positioned between the top layer and the drying agent layer.

20. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent layer is joined to the top layer of the top portion with an adhesive.

21. (Original) A resealable container according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent layer includes an oxygen scavenger.